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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Tree Pruning and Trimming on State Route 82 (El Camino Real) in the City of Burlingame (San Mateo County)

**San Mateo County** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is scheduled to begin pruning and trimming 262 Eucalyptus trees on State Route 82 (El Camino Real) in the northbound and southbound direction along the Howard-Ralston tree row, in the City of Burlingame, between Ray Drive and Peninsula Avenue. Caltrans will not remove any trees as part of this pruning project.

Certain tree limbs have been identified as diseased, dead, or dying due to the continuing drought conditions. This tree damage is beyond normal maintenance activity and could pose a potential hazard to passing motorists, and pedestrians if not pruned and trimmed. Crews will prune no more than 25 percent of the tree canopy.

The tree pruning is scheduled to start Monday, August 29, in the northbound direction of El Camino Real. Work in the southbound direction will follow. All tree pruning work in this area is anticipated to be complete by mid-October barring any delays.

Work will occur Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

One lane will remain open at all times on State Route 82 (El Camino Real) in both directions during pruning and trimming operations. Motorists should allow for extra travel time and expect minor delays. Changeable Message Signs will be in place to warn motorists of this work.

**NOTE:** Residents and Businesses may notice increased noise from tree pruning equipment and mandatory backup alarms while the contractor is working in the construction zone.

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